

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
YOSHIBA *et al.* )  
Application Number: To Be Assigned )  
Filed: Concurrently Herewith )  
For: TRANSGENIC RICE PLANT AND ITS FAMILY WITH )  
ENVIRONMENTAL STRESS RESISTANT BY PROLINE )  
ACCUMULATION OF HIGH LEVEL AND ITS )  
PRODUCTION )

*Re Amended*  
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*AP*  
*4/7/02*

Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicant has amended the claims in order to remove multiple dependencies contained therein in accordance with standard U.S. practice, thereby reducing the basic filing fee. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of this amendment. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please substitute the claims currently on file with the following amended claims:

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10. (Amended) The rice plant according to claim 1, wherein said rice plant is rice.
  11. (Amended) A seed of a rice plant collected from said rice plant according to claim 1.
  12. (Amended) A seed of the rice plant according to claim 1, wherein said rice plant is rice, said seed having been collected from said rice